

## Project Oceanology Mask Policy Update April 28, 2022

Project Oceanology is committed to working with school districts during the 2021-2022 school year while keeping students and staff safe. This document describes our current policy on masking related to COVID-19. Please note all our staff are fully vaccinated.



At Project Oceanology we work in a variety of different environments with student groups from across Connecticut and neighboring states. We do not have a ‘one size fits all’ policy due to the unique environments we teach in and varying requirements that we must abide by in each location. We are monitoring guidance from the [CDC](#), [Ledge Light Health District](#), [The University of Connecticut](#), and U.S. Coast Guard [Marine Safety Information Bulletins](#) regularly for changes to COVID-19 policy. *Regardless of our requirements outlined below, Project Oceanology supports the wearing of masks by anyone who chooses to do so.*

### **At the Project Oceanology Facility**

As a tenant of the University of Connecticut we follow university [policy](#) regarding masking:

- **Outside:** Masks are *not required*.
- **Indoors:** Masks are *required*.
  - **Lunch:** Masks are *required except* when actively eating or drinking. Eating lunch outdoors on our patio or the lawn on campus is strongly encouraged.

### **Aboard Project Oceanology Research Vessels**

Masks are *not required*.

### **In-School Programs**

We will abide by all school-specific rules related to masks, social distancing, PPE, and sanitization.

### **Project Oceanology Shore Programs**

Project Oceanology leads shore programs at Bluff Point State Park, Pine Island (by skiff) and Avery Point. Masks are *not required*.